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Homecoming festivities create memories

by Kelsey Walter
assistant editor

From the first beat of the Apache drum Oct. 26 to the final gun ending the Apaches 19-10 victory over Kilgore College Saturday afternoon, Homecoming Week was a festive time worth remembering.

"It all began at 8 a.m. Oct. 26 with the first beat of the drum," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said. The drum beat continued around the clock until game kick-off, following a tradition that says if the beat stops before the game starts, TJC will lose.

The Apache Cheerleaders won \$300 first prize in the professional division at Campus Capers Friday night. Harmony and Understanding won \$200 for sec-

ond and Apache Punch, \$100 for third.

In the amateur division, Lemuel Holston captured first and \$300, LaSaundra Brown got second and \$200 and Chase McClanahan, third and \$100.

Ronald Hughes and Kelley Martin were named 1998 Homecoming King and Queen during pre-game festivities Saturday.

Queen nominees were: Stephanie Rigdon, Apache Band; Crystal Kropp, Apache Belles; Torey L. Cole, American Sign Language Club; Jamie Golden, Apache Spirit Squad; Ashley Burgess, Baptist Student Ministries; Loidea J. Denson, Bateman Hall; Angela Roe, Cheerleaders; Amber Stary, Harmony and Under-

standing and Kathryn Crawford, Holley Hall.

Others nominees were: Nidia Arellano, Latin American Student Association; Nicoshia Nickerson, Minority Student Association; Anna Rigney, Phi Theta Kappa; Candra Lacy, Political Club; Jacqueline Ross, Rho Beta Chi; Amber Fox, Student Senate and Brandi McGowen, Tae Kwon Do Club.

King nominees were: Alan Harmon, Apache Band; W. J. K. Graham-Haynes, American Sign Language Club; Jeremy Johnson, Baptist Student Ministries; Sheldon Denson, Bateman Hall; Steven Smith, Cheerleaders; Chris Merrbach, Harmony and Understanding; Luis Olmos,

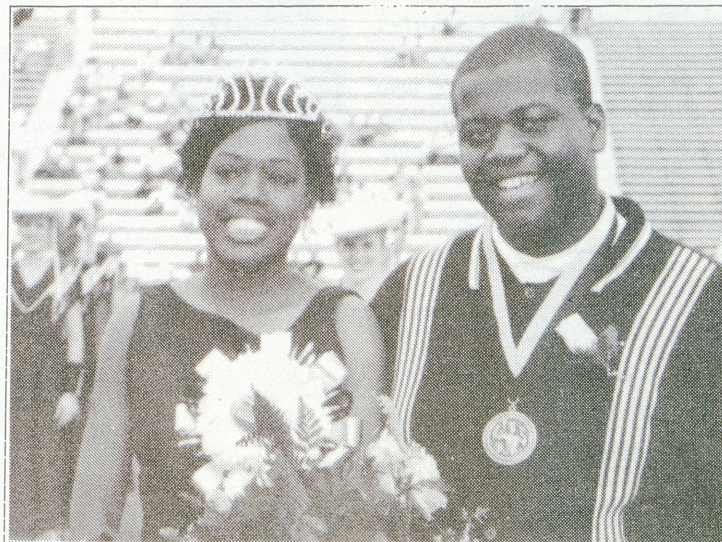


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Homecoming King Ronald Hughes and Queen Kelley Martin.

Latin American Student Association; Adrian Bledsoe, Minority Student Association; Tom Daniel, Phi Theta Kappa; Derrick Adams, Residence Hall Council and

Matthew Leddy, Tae Kwon Do Club.

Each campus organization is allowed to nominate one young man and woman," Hughes said.

Students can gain transfer information Nov. 18

by Stefani Martin
staff writer

Many students plan to transfer to a major university to complete baccalaureate degrees. They can get advice at University Morning 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Nov. 18 in Rogers Student Center.

"University Morning is a recruitment day for students planning to move to a four-year degree," Admissions

Counselor Janna Chancey said. "Students could benefit greatly, especially if they are undecided about where to attend school," Chancey said. "Where else could they go and receive all types of information about many schools?"

Chancey encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity when representatives from about 50 uni-

versities are expected.

They include: Austin, Centenary, Jarvis Christian, Millsaps, Paul Quinn, Texas and Wiley colleges.

Others are: Angelo State, Baylor, Concordia at Austin, Dallas Baptist, East Texas Baptist, Hardin Simmons, Houston Baptist, Howard Payne, Kansas Wesleyan, Lamar, LeTourneau and Louisiana

State universities.

Others invited are: Louisiana Tech, McMurray, Midwestern State, Northeast Louisiana, Northwestern State, Northwood, Prairie View A&M, Rice, St. Edwards, Sam Houston State, Southern Arkansas and Southern Methodist universities.

Also invited are: Southwest Texas State, Southwestern,

Stephen F. Austin State, Tarleton State, Texas A&M and A&M-Commerce, Texas Christian, Texas Lutheran, Texas Tech and Texas Womans universities.

Others expected are: universities of Dallas, Houston, Mary Hardin Baylor, North Texas, Oklahoma and Southern Mississippi, University of Texas at Austin, at Tyler and, Medical Branch at Galveston.

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Free tutors can help students learn

by LaSaundra Brown
Staff Writer

Finals are five weeks away, but many students do not know where to get help with courses. Support Services can provide free tutors for many classes.

Tutoring lab sessions give help in basics: math, English, accounting and chemistry. The labs meet Monday through Thursday. At least two teachers are assigned to each lab for students who need help.

Some students need the one-on-one attention from a tutor.

"I like the private tutor better. I learn more because it is just one person," freshman Matt Oswalt said.

A private tutor is best for students who need daily help on a subject, not just clarification on a homework assignment for that particular day.

To sign up for a private tutor, the student fills out a Tuttee Application Project Excel form in Support Services located upstairs in Rogers Stu-

dent Center. Then students may choose from a list of tutors for their particular course.

The student calls the tutor and sets up times to meet for tutoring. Students can spend as many hours with the tutor as the course credits — three hours per week for a three-hour course.

"Around finals time lots of students come to get tutors, but it gets really busy and we run out of tutors," Rana Aransa, support services, student assistant said.

CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

"What do you think about the college student killed in Wyoming because he was a homosexual?"



Jessica Carroll

"I wanted to kill those people who killed him. They should be cast-rated."



Jim Cain

"God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."



Tricia Cole

"I felt the action was stupid and people have their rights to privacy."



Seth McLendon

"He should have not been killed, but I don't agree with homosexuality. One has to pay for ones sins, but let God take out judgment..."



David Scott

"It was a disgusting display of violence."

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LETTERS To the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have a little something to add to your article that dealt with kids killing kids. A lot of points were made, but the question "why" was never asked.

Why did those children kill their schoolmates? Many would be quick to blame television, but that is only part of it. Maybe the music had something to do with it. Again, part of the problem, but not the main reason.

The parents or guardians should take most of the blame for the crimes their children committed. Why were two eight-year-olds running around unsupervised? How did the children in Arkansas get the guns? Where were the parents?

Many people would be quick to blame mothers who work instead of taking care of the children. If I am not mistaken, the father has as much responsibility as any mother.

Parents need to learn more about their children. Talk to them. Listen when they have problems. Too many parents are quick to brush off any incident as "kids will be kids." It's time to take responsibility.

—Chance Thomas

Dear Friends,

I will be graduating Dec. 18 with a B A in speech communications. There are so many of you that I need to say thanks to that it would fill a book, but I would like you to publish my letter in the TJC News.

When I started back to college in middle age, I only thought I would get an associates degree. My mother became ill and I had to return to Mississippi and care for her. I dropped out for a while. But the wonderful teachers at Tyler Junior College continued to encourage me through the mail.

I was in a very abusive marriage which left many scars and I was a member of H.E.A.R.T. sponsored by The East Texas Crisis Center, who were very instrumental in my choice to return to college.

Especially for women who want to be a whole and independent person this letter is for you. Your education is your freedom. If I can do it, so can you.

Now I am even thinking about going to graduate school, but I do have to work for a few years.

For those of you who use the internet I have a poem under Poetic Express II.

I will need a job in January and could relocate to Tyler, Texas. To obtain my references and application for degree and transcript, please call 601-266-4153.

For anyone who would like to reply to my letter my mailing address is Lela M. Cannada-Puckett, Southern Station 8782, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406.

For all of you who supported me in so many ways, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

—Lela M. Cannada-Puckett

Custodian finds lost ring, helps owner heal

by Becky Jester
staff writer

TJC is not just a place for students to learn survival skills for a fast-paced society. History Instructor JoAnn Atkins has discovered a family here.

Atkins' last year has contained a lifetime of grief. Her mother died Jan. 8 after a surprise diagnosis of cancer. Her father died following a long term illness June 9. Losing both parents within five months was tough, Atkins said. Then she lost a precious family ring her mother gave her, it really hurt.

"It was like losing a part of my mother when I lost the ring," Atkins said.

The small ring is a big symbol of family strength. Atkins' great-grandmother received the ring in the late 1800's as a birthday present from her father. Atkins' great grandmother, grandmother and mother used the January, Atkins inherited the family treasure, a delicate gold band which has

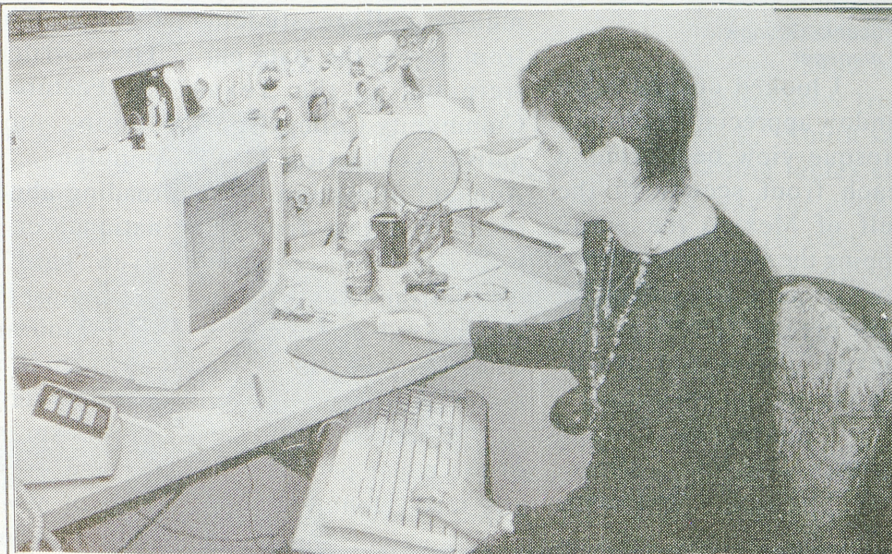
the family treasure, a delicate gold band which has survived more than 110 years of wear by women in her family.

Atkins realized the ring was missing after taking her jewelry to be appraised for insurance. She dropped the box of jewelry in her office and quickly retrieved what spilled.

When she returned home, Atkins realized that "Momma's ring" was missing. She combed through her office, retraced her steps and even took the seats out of her car to search for the heirloom, but it was nowhere in sight.

a small, plain gold band--the missing family treasure.

Tears of joy flowed from



History Instructor JoAnn Atkins

photo by Becky Jester

gave up hope. Days later custodian Eva Sledge was cleaning Atkins' office when she noticed a shimmer in the corner by the bookcase. Crawling on hands and knees, she found a small, plain gold band--the missing family treasure.

Tears of joy flowed from Atkins' eyes when she saw the ring that linked her to was as happy as I was!"

Atkins' last year learned that college faculty and staff

[Eva]," Atkins said, "She was as happy as I was!"

Atkins' last year learned that college faculty and staff are all so loving and caring.

"She is not an exception," Atkins, who learned said.

Atkins has no children, but she will probably pass the ring to one of her nephews. It will definitely remain in the family.

Flu shots made available to students and faculty

by Angela Curry
staff writer

Students and faculty can now get flu vaccinations on campus.

The shots cost \$5 at the cashier office in White Adistration Center. To get a shot take the receipt between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday to the Health Service Office in

Rogers Student Center.

Judy Carr, vocational nurse education instructor, stresses that the sooner you take the flu shot, the better.

"The shot takes up to two weeks to build up the antibodies to prevent the flu," Carr said.

This current vaccine, made from a dead virus, will not cause flu symptoms. The only

side effect you might be a little soreness in your arm, Carr said.

"Sitting next to people in

class, you want to be immunized because you can catch the flu from someone sneezing or coughing," Carr said.

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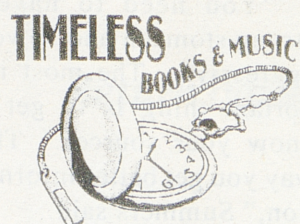
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Wilkins stresses organ donation

Dr. Harry Wilkins emphasizes organ donations. The trauma surgeon at Mother Frances and East Texas Medical Center said, "Organ donation is near and dear to my heart."

He emphasized the importance of telling a family member "if you want to donate your organs," because the family makes the final decision.

"Even if your drivers licence requests organ donation, if you have not told your family, your organs will not be donated," Wilkins said.

United Network for Organ Sharing reports 61,802 people await organ transplants. Last year alone only 9,235 patients received the organs they needed. One organ donor can help more than 25 people. Only one of every three suitable donors actually donate organs.

"Statistics obviously show donors have not increased. We have a long ways to go. Organ donation is a personal decision. Education and public awareness are the key," Wilkins said.



Parents group seeks helpers

One way to make a difference in someone's life is to become a volunteer. Parents Anonymous of Texas is searching for people to help troubled families make changes.

Services are needed mostly in the evenings to accommodate parents who work, but a support group also meets during the day. This group works with teen mothers in school in Chapel Hill, Parents Anonymous Director Darlene Wright said.

Thursday evenings support groups meet from 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m. for parents and teens.

Parents Anonymous is a nation wide, non-profit organization sponsored by United Way and other groups. All services are free and open to anyone, Wright said.

The more volunteers they have, the more support groups they can develop. This is the best thing you could ever possibly do for another human being, she said.

Volunteers must be willing to spend 15 weeks to complete orientation and training. Volunteers must attend orientation Nov. 13 and 14, and regional training Nov. 16 and 17. They will learn to lead counseling sessions, activities and peer remediation.

For more information contact Wright at 903-597-1831.

Writer learns from professionals

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
ad manager

I looked out the hotel window appreciating the picturesque view before me, a beach front scenewith the Gulf of Mexico the ocean lapping the shore, the courtly bows of palm trees swaying in the breeze. "Don't get too relaxed," I reminded myself. "You're not on vacation."

Hosted by Corpus Christi's Del Mar College, some 150 junior and com-

munity college students from across the state participated in the Texas Community College Journalism Association's 1998 Annual Convention. With them, I chose from 16 breakout sessions covering topics from television anchors to cyber journalism. One I enjoyed most was feature writing.

"Welcome to the side of the paper people actually read," John Richards,

Corpus Christi Caller-Times writer, said.

Feature writing is becoming more and more popular. People enjoy reading about the lives of national or local figures. Even "hard" news is moving against the grain of old school journalism formats.

"I think we need to be good storytellers. Narrative journalism in feature writing and even in some aspects of news is being approached more often," Jenny Strassburg of the Caller-Times said.

Mike Bratten, former Washington D.C. government writer, and now Caller-Times staffer encouraged aspiring writers to achieve and maintain a sense of independence in their stories.

"Be bold, maybe even a little rebellious," Bratten said. "But keep in mind that whatever you write, you write with your editor in mind."

The media industry is on the look out for stories of human interest and intrigue. Stories of grass roots, ordinary people doing extraordinary things is almost a sure ticket to a feature story.

As more readers find out about the lives of different people, they learn more about themselves and how they think and realize that the world is becoming more of a global village, Richards said.

"We are not objective. We are people with opinions and emotions," Strassburg said.

Reporters discuss dos, don'ts of journalism

by Jan Warrick
photo editor

Court reporter Jim Day and crime beat reporter Nevela Summers from the Corpus Christi Caller-Times shared some of their experiences in working for the paper at the recent Texas Community Junior College Association Convention.

"I remember my first court case. It was about a good kid who got into drugs and then got into trouble," Summers said. "The kid took 10 hits of acid and then decided he wanted to know what it felt like to kill someone. The kid was convicted. In court the mother testified. She was begging for her son's life," Day said.

Our stories are about human beings. Sometimes all the emotion does not come across, he said, but that is what you try to do.

"I check the federal and state courthouse and try to


find the most interesting trials. I check court documents, talk to lawyers and judges to get background information," Day said.

"I want to be a writer and write books, I think working for the paper is the ultimate training ground. A lot of the great novelists were newspaper journalists. I've had the opportunity to work and see different places, such as Africa, Germany, Montana, the deep South and now Texas," Day said.

Summers likes her job a lot, she said, but it can be very challenging covering crime.

"You need to have a strong stomach and be very aggressive. The most important thing is to get to know your sources. That way you get better information," Summers said.

"There is a lot of gore out there that doesn't actually ever make it to print," Summers said.



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Wait staff have real responsibilities

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
ad manager

A college student cleans the table and finds a \$200 tip as reward for her helpful and kind service. She gets weak, a little lightheaded even. Another wonders if the customer he served had one too many drinks.

This rare scenario is a real possibility in the work life of wait staffs. This job is not as simple and easy as it may appear. A skillful waiter or waitress must have a mental drive in their work, Applebee's Restaurant manager, Samia Smith said.

"To be a waiter or waitress is a very action-oriented job. You must have a passion for service and learn to deal with all types of people with different backgrounds," Smith said.

Apart from attending to customers' needs, waiters and waitresses must also manage side stations. These may include silverware, the front door or the bar area. A flowchart of the restaurant labels sections they must cover and where employees should be during each work shift.

Olive Garden manager Ahmad Mammad believes efficient wait staffs must be

aggressive and outgoing in their work.

"Our staff is trained to be responsible, have good salesmanship and handle every challenge with a positive attitude,"

Mammad said.

Smith expects high professionalism, energy and integrity from her employees. Excessive tardiness and bad attitudes may be grounds for removal of an unprofessional employee.

"There's a lot of money to be made in the restaurant business. We always want to 'wow' the customer," Smith said.

"If a prospective worker can't take the initiative to learn how to work with people, being a waiter or waitress is not for them," Smith said.

Before applicants start work, they must complete required training. New employees must learn basic rules and regulations of restaurant management.

They use learning tools such as manuals, books, videos and practice the tasks. After training, their job and people skills are put to work.

"Being a waiter or waitress is not an easy job. I think people who think it's easy should try and be one to see how tough it really is.

"People may take out their anger on you because of personal problems in their life," Applebee's waitress Nicole Puckett said. "You must make an attempt to be professional in every situation."

Hourly pay at Applebee's and Olive Garden is \$2.13 an hour, but average tips may range from \$40-100 dollars a day.

"Many waiters and waitresses make \$300 to 500 a week in tips aside from their paycheck," Smith said.

Waiting tables can be a great way for college students to earn money. Hours generally are flexible.

"I'm very involved with school and drama but I've also found time for a steady job here. My hours are quite workable," TJC student, Dana Blumn said.

Many servers enjoy the financial prospects of their wait jobs because the money benefits can be rewarding.

"I wanted to be a waiter for the money aspects," Applebee's waiter Jed Brown said. "The most I've made in tips is \$170 in one night."

College students who might be interested in a waiter or waitressing job should contact area restaurants for more information.

"I've really enjoyed working for Olive Garden. I have a great group of co-workers and this restaurant organization is real big on the need for team work," freshman Leighanne Smith said.

Job workshop helps students

Students can find help in a workshop on job interviews 3-5 p.m. Nov. 10 and 18 in Pirtle Tech 301.

"Students will learn how to sell themselves to an employer," Melinda Coker, Director of career planning and placement services said. "This will benefit those by helping them get those jobs, internships and even into graduate school."

This workshop will teach how to dress and how much appearance matters. Participants will see what employers look for. They will be asked typical interview questions and give opportunity to respond.

"If they have a copy of their resume, they need to bring that or a list of experiences," Coker said. "We will be doing role-playing at this workshop to help those get ready for a jobs."

"The No. 1 reason that kids go to college is to get a good job and these workshops will help them for after graduation," Coker said.



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Pops Concert set Nov. 13

Music and dance students will present their Pop Concert: "Set the Night to Music" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Wise Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 at the cashier's office.

The vocal group Harmony and Understanding and the TJC/UTT Jazz Band will perform. Musical selections include songs by Elvis Presley and soft rock and pop music from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

Chapman to sing at GABC

Steven Curtis Chapman will sing a concert Nov. 11 at Green Acres Baptist Church, with guest appearance by Geoff Moore.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 in advance at Better Books Christian Center. Tickets at the door cost \$19.

After the show fans can meet Chapman and Moore at an In-Store Celebration at Better Books Christian Center from approximately 10-11 p.m.

Changes try to improve dorm life, safety

by Vatina Henderson
staff writer

Freshmen living in Bateman Hall have expressed fear over their safety in and around the dorm. Some fights and other scary events early in the semester pushed administrators to brainstorm new ideas and tighten security around the campus.

Purchasing Director Brian Turman, Residential Operations Advisors Michael Gregorash and Jenny Sims, Bateman Hall Specialist Tamara Bolden and Campus Safety Officer

Lucky Bolden are working together to help residents keep dorm life safe and fun.

"Disciplinary actions were stepped up this year and fines and community service time have been doubled to deter troublemakers," Gregorash said.

"ID checks of dorm visitors will eliminate outsiders who might cause trouble," Lucky Bolden said.

Tamara Bolden has started games, raffles and other residents busy and out of trouble.

"If a resident keeps busy

around campus and within the dorms, dorm life can be fun," Sims said.

"Responsibility is the key," Turman said. "Residents have a responsibility for keeping dorm life fun and interesting. Responsibility comes with being an

adult and being on your own, but with responsibility comes choices."

"If residents make the right choices and abide by dorm rules, the dorms can be a safe and enjoyable place to live," Sims said.

TJC lacks Greek groups

by D'Aundela Weekly
staff writer

TJC has no fraternities or sororities, but at one time Greek organizations were once active here.

History Instructor JoAnn Atkins sponsored Rho Beta Chi, one of about 12 Greek groups in the 1970s. Since then, they have slowly disappeared.

David Weekly, a Stephen F. Austin State University graduate who is active in Omega Psi Phi, said to have such groups again TJC would need to get national charters.

"A national charter is the life blood of the organization. It defines a sorority or fraternity," Weekly said. Chartered organizations must meet college and city regulations as well.

Another SFA graduate and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Marva Curtis, said whether junior colleges should institute Greek or-

ganizations depends on the school.

Delta Sigma Theta members must have earned a certain number of college credits and junior college students may not have those, she said.

Weekly agrees. "If they keep such groups at the four year institution level, then those who desire to join will go on to complete their education so they can join," he said.

But junior college students, he hopes, would go on to complete their education anyway, not just to join a sorority or fraternity.

Some believe students' lack of interest is why no such groups exist here.

Some students think that having such organizations on campus would cut down on some loitering during and after campus hours, violence and drop-out rates since they might create more campus activities.



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Apaches win Homecoming game 19-10

— TJC to take on Northeastern Oklahoma in Chapel Hill

by Tara Biggers
staff writer

The Apaches won their Homecoming match-up over Kilgore College 19-10 Saturday. The win set up a showdown with Northeastern Oklahoma in a first round Region XIV Conference playoff game at 3 p.m. Saturday at New Chapel Hill Bulldog Stadium.

"Overall it was a good game," TJC Head Coach Dale Carr said. "We had good defense and good control of the ball."

The Apaches trailed early in the game after KC's running back Johnny McHenry's second quarter touchdown run from 10 yards out.

On the next Kilgore possession TJC defensive back Jacoby Shepard intercepted Kilgore quarterback Douglas Reece's pass at the

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an errant ball sailed over Kilgore punter Ryan Bisset's head and out of the end zone for a safety giving the Apaches their first

lead at 9-7.

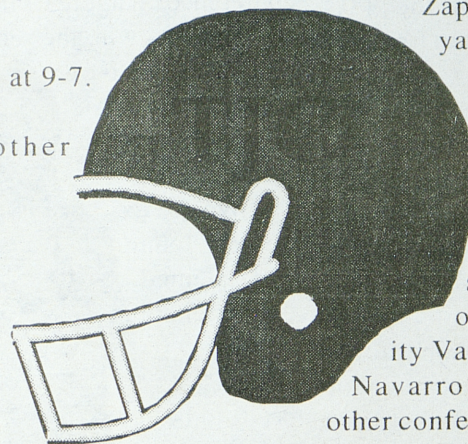
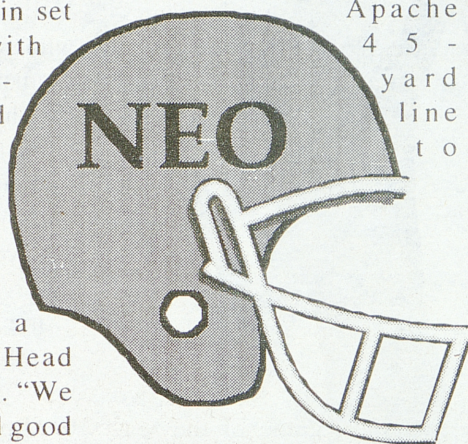
Another

In the fourth quarter Kilgore cut into the 16-10 Apache lead with Kris Duplissey's 23-yard field goal.

Zapata added a 32-yard field goal late in the game to preserve the 19-10 Apache win.

The Apache are the No. 2 seed in the playoffs behind Trinity Valley who take on Navarro in Saturday's other conference semi-final game.

Note*If TJC and TVCC win, it would give the Apaches an opportunity to avenge an Oct. 24 defeat by the Cardinals that gave TVCC the conference title.



set up TJC's first score, a 3-yard run by George Fisher. Eloy Zapata added the extra point, knotting the score 7-7.

Late in the second quarter TJC notched their when

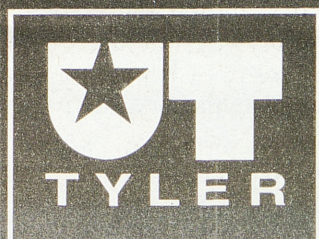
Kilgore miscue to set up a 27 yard Kasey Nonette touchdown toss to Antonio Whitfield early in the third quarter. Zapata tacked on the extra point for a 16-7 score.

Flag champs to go to Arlington

The winners of the intramural flag football championship today will represent TJC in the flag football intramural playoffs in Arlington Nov. 21 Bill O'Connor Rogers Student Center Staff Technician said.

Winners from the University of Texas at Tyler and Texas College will also represent Tyler in the playoffs along with other colleges and universities from Texas.

In addition, O'Connor said, a team of All-Stars from TJC and Texas College will play in the Rose City Classic, 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at Hillside Park.



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Men's golf places 3rd

The Apache Men's Golf Team finished third at the Bossier Parish Tournament Oct. 26-27 at Palmetto Country Club in Bossier, La.

"We didn't play particularly well, but the guys really grinded," Golf Coach Wade White said.

Kyle Willman led his team with a 148, the Apaches' best score, tying five other golfers for sixth place. Gary Pike tied for twelfth with a 149. The three other Apaches all shot 155: Justin Gold, Clint Bowden and Paul Helms.

"Our guys turned in a respectable finish and I am proud of them," White said.

TJC finished with a 601, five strokes behind Bossier Parish at 596 and 10 behind Paris at 591.

Other team finishes were: Navarro, 609; Meridian Junior College, 610; San Jacinto, 614; Eastfield Community College, 614; Wallace College 617; Grayson County Community College, 620; New Mexico Military College 628; Hill College 637; University of Texas at Brownsville, 639 and Bossier Parish B 677. Weatherford College did not finish.

"The key is to be competitive even when you don't have your best stuff," he said.

The team plays Monday in Waco at the McLennan Community College Fall Golf Tournament at Waco Lake Golf and Country Club.

Mens basketball tips off Friday

by Kelsey Walter
assistant editor

The Apache Men's Basketball Team will begin their 1998 season Friday in the opening game of the TJC Roundball Classic at 6 p.m. at Wagstaff Gym.

"All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters Association in Tyler, so we need a big turn out from the students and the community," Men's Coach Kyle Keller said.

The Apaches hope to rebound from last year's eighth place league finish, but they must do it with only one returning player.

Sophomores are Ed Harvey, Missouri City and Marcus Williams, Union City, Tenn.

Freshmen players are: Demetrius Criss, Fort Worth; David Dixon, Houston; Marcos Duran, New York City; Lamar Hill, Roanoke, Ala.; J.R. Holland, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Shelton Jones, Terrell; Immanuel McElroy, Port Arthur; Anthony Tyler, Ashland, Va.; Marc Walters, Bronx, N.Y. and Lyndric Washington, Henderson.

"The strength of the team seems to be our wings and guards. This year we have more of an ability to score

from the perimeter," Keller said.

Although the Apaches are picked to finish fourth in the conference. Kilgore College is favored to win, the second-year coach is excited about his teams chances, he said.

"We are extremely young and talented. Our strength

needs to be rebounding. Our success depends on how we do on the glass," Keller said.

"If we can stay healthy, then we should be very competitive when conference rolls around," he said.

Ladies ranked 6th in JUCO poll

by Kelsey Walter
assistant editor

The Apache Women's Basketball Team will begin its season Thursday and Friday at the New Mexico Classic in Hobbs, N.M.

"We will find out how good we are the first two game of the season," Women's Coach Lee Ann Riley said.

The Ladies' play their first two games against nationally ranked teams. Thursday they play Utah Valley, while Friday they meet Central Arizona, the defending national

champions and pre-season JUCO No. 1 team.

TJC went 21-8 last season

and finished 21st in the nation despite losing in regional finals. They were conference runners-up behind Trinity Valley Community College, who eventually lost the championship game.

This year the Ladies, presently ranked sixth in the nation, are picked to finish second in conference.

"We are at the level where we want to win every game we play. We may stumble along the way, but why play if you don't intend to win?" Riley said.

Sophomore players are: Tawanda Barnes, Corpus Christi; Rachel Dick, Van; Stacy Goudeau, Houston; Angie Griffin, Lindale; Tanya Mollett, Longview; Tiffany Moore, Conroe and Kim Van, Shreveport, La.

Freshmen players are: Jessica Guild and Nicole Guild, Flower Mound; Sonya Hodge, Eustace; Kit Savage, Arkadelphia, Ark. and Ashley White, Nederland.

"We will be a very good defensive team. We don't have a lot of height, but our guard play will be as strong as anyone," she said.

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